GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6132
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
FOODGRAINS IN GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 million tonnes of food grains is lying unused in the Government godowns;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether member of the faculty of Delhi School of Economics urged to the Government forrelease the unused stock of foodgrains for income generation programmes especially in drought affected areas; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : The stock position of foodgrains in Central Pool as on 1.4.2001 vis-a-vis thetotal minimum stocks to be maintained by public agencies under the buffer stocking policy is given below :-

(in lakh tonnes)

Stock as on 1.4.2001			Minimum buffer stocking norm for 1st April		
Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
231.91	215.04	446.95	118.00	40.00	158.00

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Food for Work programme was launched by the Government during the year 2000-2001in eight drought affected States. Under the programme, foodgrains are provided to the States free of cost as an additionality under the EAS.A statement indicating the foodgrains allotted and lifted under the programme is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6132 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 27-04-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING ALLOTMENT & OFFTAKE OF RICE & WHEAT UNDER FOOD FOR WORK IN DROUGHT AFFE AREAS DURING 2000-2001.

LIFTING AS ON 25-4-2001
FREE OF COST (Figures in Tonnes/Provisional)

STATE	ALLOTMENT			OFFTAKE			VALID FROM UPTO
	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	
Chhattisgarh	207000	0	207000	186000	0	186000	12/1/2001-30/4/2001
Gujarat	20000	70000	90000	5732	18836	24568	12/1/2001-30/6/2001

Himachal Pra	11549	0	11549	4947	0	4947	12/1/2001-30/4/2001
Maharashtra	2000	8000	10000	1979	7442	9421	12/1/2001-31/3/2001
Madhya Pradesh	20079	43000	63079	10433	27573	38006	12/1/2001-30/4/2001
Orissa	100000	0	100000	77832	14617	92449	12/1/2001-30/4/2001
Rajasthan	0	118145	118145	0	91112	91112	12/1/2001-30/4/2001
Total	360628	239145	599773	286923	159580	446503	

In case of Orissa wheat allocation of 20,000 tonnes has been converted into rice allocation but 14617 tonnes of lifting of wheat has been reported.